

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4064

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EXDIS DIST AS NODIS

FOR SAUNDERS FROM LEWIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, PINT, PINR, IS, SY, LE

SUBJECT: CONTINUED CHRISTIAN BELLIGERENCE

REF: A) STATE 172872, B) TEL AVIV 8598

1. REF A OBVIOUSLY CROSSED WITH MY REPORT IN REF B ON  
MY DISCUSSIONS SUNDAY WITH WEIZMAN. IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS  
I MADE ALL OF POINTS IN YOUR MESSAGE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER.  
HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF LATEST INTELLIGENCE REPORTS ABOUT  
CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES, WHICH I HAVE SEEN ONLY MONDAY  
MORNING, I WILL FORCEFULLY GO BACK AT WEIZMAN AGAIN  
TODAY. HE IS EXPECTING TO HAVE ANOTHER EXCHANGE WITH  
ME AFTER HE HAS CHECKED FURTHER SITUATION FROM HIS  
REPORTS.

2. NATURALLY I HAVE NO WAY OF EVALUATING RELIABILITY OF  
MOST RECENT REPORTS CONCERNING ALLEGED "NIGHTLY MEETINGS  
ON BOARD ISRAELI SHIPS" OR ALLEGED STATEMENTS BY PHALANGE  
MILITARY OFFICIALS ABOUT ISRAELI INTENTIONS. WOULD  
CAUTION ALL READERS OF THESE REPORTS, HOWEVER, TO

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REMEMBER THAT LEBANESE CHRISTIANS ARE CLEARLY TRYING TO  
CONVINCE US OF EXISTENCE OF AN ISRAELI "BLANK CHECK,"  
AND PERHAPS TO CONVINCE EACH OTHER OF THE SAME. THIS  
DOES NOT BY ANY MEANS MEAN THAT THE BLANK CHECK EXISTS.

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